

RESOLUTION 2012-18
Opposing Michigan House Bills 4265 and 4266
CITY OF WIXOM, MICHIGAN

Whereas, the City of Wixom is a local government organization;

Whereas, the City receives direct economic benefit for municipal operations from a public private composting operation and;

Whereas, the City endorses and supports a hierarchy of waste management preferences that gives first priority to source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting to minimize the amount of waste to be otherwise managed. Other forms of waste disposal, such as waste-to-energy facilities and sanitary land filling, are less preferable in terms of resource conservation and environmental protection; and

Whereas, Composting is a viable strategy, equal in importance with recycling, for achieving effective reduction of the waste stream and source-separated, recyclable and compostable materials diverted from municipal solid waste (MSW) for which recycling markets exist, should not be considered solid waste; and

Whereas, according to data from Michigan's 21st Century Electric Energy Plan, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy, land filling yard clippings will not have an appreciable impact on energy production or consumption; and

Whereas, allowing yard clippings to be disposed of in Michigan landfills, will have a detrimental impact on Michigan's composting industry, likely resulting in a net loss of jobs in Michigan; and

Whereas, allowing yard clippings in landfills runs counter to sophisticated waste management trends throughout the country and the world, placing Michigan at a competitive disadvantage with regard to the development and implementation of state-of-the-art and emerging technologies; and

Whereas, allowing yard clippings in landfills will accelerate the depletion of existing landfill space in Michigan, eventually causing an increase in disposal costs for Michigan's businesses, cities, and residents; and

Whereas, landfills designed to capture methane still emit considerable amounts of methane into the atmosphere, resulting in a negative impact on the environment; and

Whereas, that passage of Michigan House Bills 4265 and 4266 will have a detrimental economic impact on the City of approximately \$91,000 per year.

Now therefore let it be resolved that the City of Wixom finds that House Bills 4265 and 4266 will adversely affect the community economically and is contrary to the City's waste management philosophy and;

Be it further resolved that the City of Wixom opposes Michigan House Bills 4265 and 4266

I, Catherine Buck, City Clerk for the City of Wixom, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council of said City of Wixom at its regular meeting duly called and held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.



Catherine Buck
Catherine Buck, City Clerk
City of Wixom, Michigan